

Letter from Lady Franklin
to George Washington Walker

25th Oct. 1843

Bernard Walker
13 Parliament St.
Sandy Bay -

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Lady Franklin

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to Geo. W. Walker

My dear Sir

I enclose you a card of our little Museum at Ancestral which we open tomorrow, tho' it is not yet quite completed - I have just made it over with between 4 or 500 acres of land in the same valley to 5 members of the Tasmanian Society in trust for the future College, the proceeds of the land to be devoted to the maintenance of the Museum & the formation of a native Arboretum - The letters to membership of the Society have always been the contribution of a paper to

the journal, some object of Tasmanian
natural history to the Museum
or a book to the Library - but
under the latter head the books
admissible, (for want of space in
the building in order to secure
completeness in one object,) are
reduced to the following 3 classes.

1. Books illustrating this or the
other Australian Colonies.
2. Books written by Authors inhabitants
of this or the other Australian Colonies.
3. Books ^{by writers of reputable character} issuing from the press of the
above mentioned colonies.

We felt sure that under one or other
of these titles Mr. Buckhouse's name
might be inserted in our list without
asking his leave beforehand - Indeed
the whole Colony is well aware how
much science has been indebted to him

Let me say for the results of your visit to it.
I have always deeply regretted that
we have known you less as a Resident
than we did as a Visitor, nevertheless
we have never doubted your
kindly feelings - I was sorry Mrs
Walker was not present with
some other ladies of the Tasmanian
Society when they did me the favor
of selecting some articles from the
table at Fort. House previous to
the sale - I have nothing left
that is worthy of her acceptance, but
I shall not scruple on that account
to beg her acceptance of the inclosed
trifle as a memorial of my regard
to of those interesting objects in
which we were for a brief period
associated.

It would give me great pleasure
to see you ^{both} at Acaanthe tomorrow,
a stable event. I shall be glad if at
any time it is able according to its

purpose to administer to the instruction
or amusement of any lover of
nature & of the works of God.

Believe me my dear Sir
with very sincere esteem
ever yours

John Franklin

25th Oct. 1843.

The following is the inscription
in Latin & English in the corner
stone of the Museum.

Die XVII Kal. Apr. MDCCCXLIII posuit
Johannes Franklin Legatus Avaricus
ad spectabilia Schola Regimensis ^{Discipulus} Magister et
aliisque necessariis suis
Aedificii Capidem aspiciendum
quod a Domina Franklin Collegio communis
Naturae in hac regione servavit opes
Ministros ejus interpretesque exierunt.

Laid March 16. 1842. by Sir John Franklin in the presence of the
Master & scholars of the Queen's School & other his friends, as the corner stone
of an edifice to be given in thank from Lady Franklin to the College for the
kindness of preserving the productions of Nature & a Retreat for her
Ministers & Interpreters. &c.